

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



January 29, 1999

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-07

**TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL INTERSTATE COMPACT COORDINATORS**

**REFERENCE: RESCINDING AUTHORIZATION TO
RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA
CHILDREN PLACED IN MINGUS MOUNTAIN
ESTATES RESIDENTIAL CENTER, INC.**

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law of Regulations Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

Under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is suspending, effective January 29, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Mingus Mountain Estates Residential Center, Inc. In addition, CDSS is rescinding authorization to use public funds (county/state/federal) effective February 28, 1999, for California children currently in placement at Mingus Mountain Estates Residential Centers, Inc.

The definition of an eligible facility to receive public funds is defined in California Welfare and Institution Code Section 11400 (h), which states in part:

“...group home means a *nondetention* (emphasis added) privately operated residential home, organized and operated on a nonprofit basis only...”

The CDSS' Out-of-State Certification Team recently conducted an on-site review of this facility. It was determined that the facility is a detention center and therefore not eligible for public funds.

In the interim, to the end of February, it is our expectation that California children currently placed in this facility will be housed in a non-locked setting at the facility until their replacement plans are implemented.

Should you desire additional information, please contact Marika Wolf, Deputy Compact Administrator, at (916) 323-1000.

Sincerely,

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Compact Administrator and Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

c: CWDA